

Public funding for the FE Teaching and Training Qualifications in the QCF

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The 2013 Qualifications

- 1 The following new qualifications have been developed for 19+ learners and will become available from September 2013:
 - Level 3 Award in Education and Training (12 credits)
 - Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (36 credits)
 - Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (120 credits)
 - Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training with specialist pathway (120 credits)
 - Level 5 integrated specialist diplomas (120 credits)
 - Level 5 standalone specialist diplomas (45 credits)
- 2 In the context of the current parameters the Skills Funding Agency applies for approval for funding, the Level 3 Award in Education and Training is in scope for approval on a fully funded basis for 19 to 23 year olds as part of the offer for those who are unemployed and/or within the Offender Learner and Skills Service (OLASS4) only. Outside of this, funding for the Level 3 Award will not be available, including on a co-funded basis.
- 3 In the context of the current parameters the Skills Funding Agency applies for approval for funding, the Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training is in scope for approval on a fully funded basis as part of the offer for those who are unemployed and/or within OLASS4. The Level 4 Certificate is also in scope for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for those who are over 24. The Level 4 Certificate may also be approved for full funding where an individual aged 19 to 23 chooses to take the qualification as part of their level 3 adult entitlement. Outside of the entitlement it may be offered on a co-funded basis to those aged 19 to 23.
- 4 Level 5 Diplomas are not approved for funding by the Skills Funding Agency. This is in line with the recent statement in the Skills Funding Statement (December 2012) that higher level qualifications above level 4 would not be available for funding from the Skills Funding Agency outside of an apprenticeship framework. The Level 5 Diplomas are not included in any apprenticeship framework.
- 5 We understand that BIS intend to enable trainee teachers undertaking the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (QCF) and the Level 5 integrated specialist diplomas (QCF) to apply for tuition fee loans and maintenance loans and grants in the same way that trainee teachers undertaking equivalent HEI validated courses can. We do not know when BIS will be able to confirm this.

The Existing Qualifications

- 6 There are currently two suites of existing qualifications. The first wave was developed in 2007. These qualifications include:
 - Awards in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) , Levels 3 and 4
 - Certificates in Teaching on the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS), Levels 3 and 4
 - A Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS), Level 5
 - Standalone Diplomas in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector; Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector; Teaching English ESOL; Mathematics; Numeracy, Level 5
 - Integrated Diplomas in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector; Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector; Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector, Level 5.
- 7 These qualifications were then revised in 2011.
- 8 With regard to these two suites of qualifications, the Skills Funding Agency have agreed, **working within the current parameters for funding**, that:
 - All Level 5 qualifications are not eligible for funding outside of an apprenticeship framework.
 - 2007 PTLLS qualifications will not be eligible for funding for 2013/14.
 - 2011Level 3 and 4 PTLLS qualifications will be eligible for funding for new starts until 1 January 2014 (irrespective of QCF purpose).
 - 2007 and 2011Level 3 and 4 CTLLS qualifications will be eligible for funding for new starts until 1 January 2014 (irrespective of QCF purpose).